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**Farway Bell.** *23* *K*

**A CHRISTMAS TRUTH  
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out of the West worth the hearing;

**Which will be Attested by very  
many of known worth:**

**Sent up in divers Reports and Letters, and  
upon full examination committed to the  
publike to be thought upon.**

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*Oh the depth! How unsearchable are his Judgements,  
and his ways past finding out?*

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## *Farway Bell*

**I** Must thus far anticipate him that takes these Admiranda's to hand, telling him he is here not to expect either learned Paraphrase or Judgement upon these manifestoes, but only a naked Relation of their truths, and nothing but their truths, which have matter in them worthy the wisest Ruminations.

*Ad Rombum succincte.*

Upon the day of our Saviors Nativity this present year, at the Canonical hour of Morning Prayer, the known learned and able Minister of the Parish of *Farway* in the County of *Devon* neer *Honyton*, Mr. *Thomas Foster*, being outed of his Cure of Souls, for no other crime that he knows or hears of, but his conscionable care of Preaching his People into constant Loyalty and Obedience to the sacred Servant of God, their dread Sovereign, and a yong piece of *Dagon* Divinity Committee'd into his place, by the force of as judicious a Troop of Horse; The new come thing to shew his zeal to this present rare Reformation, in Confusion, forbids the Banes of Devotion and Worship of God the Father, that graciously sent his obedient Son, who out of incomparable indulgence, as on that day came in flesh to Redeem all flesh from sin; Betwixt himself, *Timothy Whiteworm* and the present new Churches one part, and the Religious longing souls of his now usurped Parishioners of *Farway* on the other part, he as wisely, as well knowing cause why, they ought not to be joyned together, according to the Statute Law of this Land, yet by consent unrevoked.

Guess you whence it came to passe just at the ancient Canonical hour of Morning Prayer, upon that day set apart by

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our Protestant Church of *England* for many Ages, to the solemnizing of the most blessed Birth of our Redeemer; The Church and Belfry doors ~~of~~ *Farway* all being shut, one of the Bells in the Tower tolled so competent a time, as that very many of the Parishioners came together to see whether their Weather-Cock were turned, and thought by what they heard, The invitation of the Tolling Bell (their Head upon better resolves) would to his ability have spoken comfort and rejoycing, being used hitherto to be sent home as on that day, with ravished spirits on such sweet subjects; but they finde those godly Expectations frustrate, and are filled with amazement, finding their Bell keep tolling, and their Clark to come with the keys, to enquire of them whence this should be.

All diligence is used by the Clark and Parishioners in search, who out of their Astonishment finde nor knavery, juggling or collusion in the businesse, the doors they finde all fast, the Church void and empty of all things capable of acting such an amazing exploit.

Other Letters tell us, That likewise upon *St. Stephens* day, at the same hour, the Bell tolled again, and was seen moving when the searchers came up into the Tower to make discovery; going away full of trouble and distraction, one of the Parishioners of known judgement and learning, being demanded his opinion, told them, He was at the greatest puzzle that ever he was in since he understood himself, and could not tell what to make of it, unlesse Almighty God did so call his people in the old way to Church on those times to Worship and Honor him, with giving of Thanks, and the Devil kept them out.

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Thus hath *Farway* Bell tolled out his Truth for Christmas.

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## Ofwell Barn.

**I**N this same year about the Nineteenth of December in the Afternoon, one *Aminadab Doser* or some such like name, a Rebel (for if there hath been any Rebellion in this wretched Kingdom these five or six years, this Presbyterian Bell is one) for he hath been on both sides, but finding the prevailing State likely to advantage him most, this loose fellow, to shew himself as factious, as seditious and lascivious, the last of which hath been offered before Iustice to be sworn against him, by the handsomest women of this usurpers Parish, that very Afternoon this most pernicious Law-driver gave earnest to a Thatcher to thatch the Parsonage great Barn, he most unworthily having wound himself into the Benefice of a Divine not known nor informed against to be of any just exception, That immediate evening of his Bargain making for Christmas day, the Threshers of the usurped Corn gone from their work, the walls of that great Barn being strongly built, and having stood firm all these dreadful storms that righteous Spirits have lately trembled in, fell very strangely in a calm still breath of Air, the walls tumbling outward from the Corn, and the roof into the Threshing-floor.

And the same week of sacred Feasts held in honor and memory of the Saines, which he contemned to celebrate, resolved to highly to prophane, this *Individuum vagum* that never was long quiet with himself or any other where he lived, as I am most certainly informed, and with no better work then this Troublers questioning our relation, he was forced in a serene night, by the cracking and shaking of the roof of his usurped house, about midnight to raise and flee, with those he had nested in it, the house being well known to be likely for long continuance.

Here he thinks I am in his new cut Cloak, and can Divinity as well as he.

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The stones in the wall, and the timber in the sides of the house cry, Woe unto him that coveteth an evil covetousness, his Brothers house, or his Neighbors wife: This *Aminadab* heard the voyce of the Lord and fled, no strong wind rent the Mountains; no Earthquake intrembled any other house in the Countrey; no fire affrighted in the night: Behold, the Lord passeth by; the Beams (Beloved) put forth their terrible voyce, believe it the Lord was in the Voyce, and what dost thou hear, was heard in his conscience; And now, Beloved, I have done with that; and mistake not, for in this I have not broke what I promised, this is the word of God and not of man.

### *Oswell Bible.*

**I** Have but a word of this bound Tragedy, with his black inside of his own more to trouble you with, and it will be justified to the brazen face of this Presbyter of *Oswell*.

Having fallen out with the Church great Bible, he charitably resolves to persecute it out of the Parish, and to that purpose sends for his elder Churchwarden, and downright discovers himself so angry with that big Book, that he would out it, and have another; telling him, if he would not be the Executioner, it should be the worse for him.

The elder Churchwarden demanding the reason of this his rage against that fair, and by full Authority settled Bible: He shortly told him out of his Divinity, That he would have another, for that Bible was against the Parliament: A worthy Reason to vote the holy Book out of the house of God, like the rest that comes from him: But I have done with him, the highest Authority is fit to take him to task once more.

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**W**illiam *Dunn* a factious Farmer of that Parish in the County of *Dorset*, upon the same day would himself go with his Plough, which being suddenly at a stand in the field, had his Speech taken from him, and so the Beast *Dunn* remained until he died.

He hath others most account for such Irregularities, Prophanenesses, when they shall appear before the Judgement Seat of the condemned holy ones : Have thou nothing to do with the stool of wickednesse. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hand of the everliving God. Think upon these manifested Truths; refer all Judgement to the time : But pray that our distracted deluded people may be restored to the Spirit of Wisdom, Judgement, and a sound minde.

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